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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendments on 16 March 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21,22, 24, 27, 28, and 30 (now renumbered as 1-6).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
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Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Amendment was given by Applicant's representative, Mr. Harry E. Moose, Jr. (Reg. No. 51,277) in a telephone call on 16 March 2006.

The claims have been amended as specified in the attached listing of claims.

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21. (Currently Amended) A method for providing exception handling for a computer program, said method comprising the steps of:

establishing a plurality of classes of exception types, said plurality of exception types including application exceptions, system exceptions and validation exceptions;

providing an exception dictionary used to list instances of each exception type;

throwing an exception;

identifying an exception type for the exception using the exception dictionary, wherein the identified exception type is one of an application exception, a system exception and a validation exception; and

providing an exception notice for the exception;

determining in said identifying step that the exception is a validation exception;

continuing processing of a current module in the computer program; and

interfacing the exception handling features to a client/server system using an interface definition language, wherein the interface definition language clears a set of operations, exceptions and attributes operating within the client/server system.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising a step of capturing the exception.

23. (Cancel)

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising the steps of:

determining in said identifying step that the exception is not a validation exception; and

propagating the exception to a central place for handling.

25. (Cancel)

26. (Cancel)

27. (Currently Amended) A system for providing exception handling for a computer program, comprising:

a class creator that establishes a plurality of classes of exception types, said plurality of exception types including application exceptions, system exceptions and validation exceptions;

an exception dictionary used to list instances of each exception type;

an exception determination mechanism that identifies an exception type for an exception using the exception dictionary, wherein the identified exception type is one of an application exception, a system exception and a validation exception; and

an exception notice generator that generates an exception notice for the exception;

a processing mechanism that continues processing of a current module in the computer program when said exception determination mechanism identifies the exception type to be a validation exception; and

an interface definition language for specifying the interface of the exception handling system in a client/server system wherein said interface definition language clears a set of operations, exceptions and attributes operating within the client/server system

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27, further comprising an exception capture mechanism that captures an exception.


29. (Cancel)

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 27, further comprising a processing mechanism that propagates the exception to a central place for

handling when said exception determination mechanism identifies the exception type to be an exception other than a validation exception.

31. (Cancel)

32. (Cancel)


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